2. Phonology

2.1 Consonants

The phonemic inventory is as follows:

Table 1. Consonants

		Bilabial	Labio-dental	Dental	Alveo-palatal	Velar	Glottal
Stops		*p*		*t*	*č*	*k*	*ʔ*
Fricatives	vl		*f*	*s*			*h*
	vd		*v*				
Nasals		*m*		*n*		*ŋ*	
Laterals				*l*			
Flaps				*r*			
Semivowels		*w*			*y*		

2.2 Vowels

Table 2. Vowels (underlying)

	Front	Central	Back
High	*i*		*u*
Mid	*e*		*o*
Low		*a*	

Table 3. Vowels (surface)

	Front	Central	Back
High	*i* *ü*		*u*
Mid-high	*e* *ø*		*o*
Mid-low	*æ*		*ɔ*
Low		*a*	

The currently accepted writing system embodies the following conventions:

[č] is written as *j*
[ŋ] is written as *g*
[ø] is written as *ö*
[ɔ] is written as *ạ*
[æ] is written as *ä*

For more details of pronunciation, see Churchward (1940) and Besnier (1987).

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